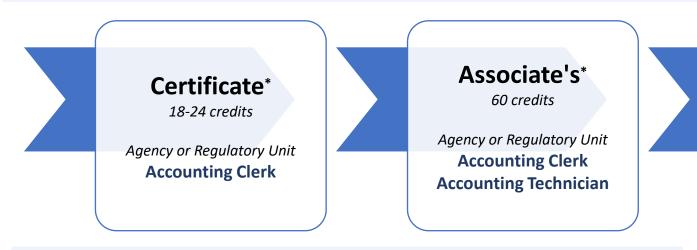
# **ACCOUNTING CAREER PATHWAY – Government Agency or Regulatory Accounting**

This pathway involves maintaining the accounting records of public entities at the federal, state, county, and city levels, or enforcing regulatory compliance. Agencies and regulators have an obligation to manage and budget sources of public revenue and ensure that funds are used appropriately and responsibly. While accounting practices are similar, there are additional layers specific to government accountability and compliance. Most notable: IRS, SEC, State Taxing Authorities, and the Social Security Administration.



### **Helpful Certifications**

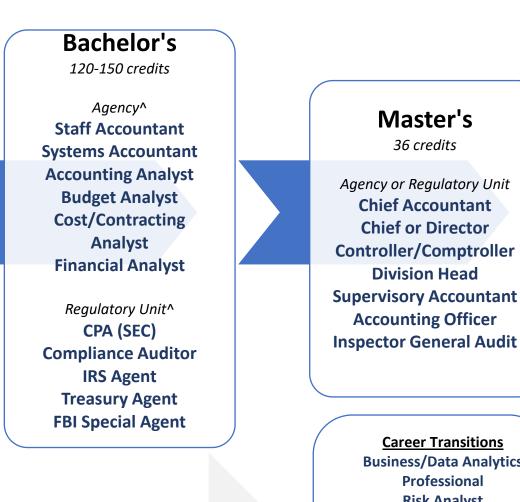
Certifications help document special expertise. The following

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Management Accountant (CMA)
- Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) or Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
- Enrolled Agent (IRS)

#### Notes:

\*- Students who do not have a bachelor's degree and want to begin with the MC Accounting Certificate or potentially pursue an Associate's or Bachelor's degree at a 4-year institution should talk to an Advisor about potential transferability issues prior to enrolling.

^- Federal and State Governments have structured guidelines for employment that carefully rank education and experience for accounting roles. See: <u>https://www.usajobs.gov/</u>.



## Complimentary Studies

Finance, business analytics, data analytics, information systems, fraud/forensic accounting, and cybersecurity.

## Career Transitions Business/Data Analytics Professional Risk Analyst Cyber Auditor Fraud Consultant Policy Consultant Financial Advisor

(opportunities in other sectors: corporate, nonprofit)